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1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO POINTS RAISED BY JORDANIAN PRIME MINISTER WITH PARAGRAPHS KEYED TO REFTEL.

A. OPTIONS PROPOSED BY THE US AIR FORCE IN AN EFFORT TO SHORTEN DELIVERY TIMES FOR AIM-9 MISSILES ARE DESCRIBED IN SEPARATE DOD CHANNEL MESSAGE.

B. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY DELAY IN DELIVERIES OF F-5E AIRCRAFT TO BE PROVIDED THIS YEAR UNDER THE THREE-YEAR DOLS 120 MILLION ARMS PLAN. CURRENT SCHEDULE ENVISIONS THE FOLLOWING IN-COUNTRY ARRIVAL SCHEDULE DESIGNED TO ACCOMMODATE DELIVERY BY C-5: 8 AIRCRAFT IN APRIL, 8 IN SEPTEMBER, 6 IN NOVEMBER.

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C. SIMILARLY, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT A TWO-YEAR LEAD TIME REPRESENTS ANY SLIPPAGE IN PROJECTED DELIVERIES OF TOW LAUNCHERS INCLUDED IN FY 75 ARMS PLAN. THE GRANT AID PORTION OF THE ARMS PACKAGE DESCRIBED IN THE LETTER OF

26 MARCH 1974 TO LTG BEN SHAKER LISTS 180 TOW LAUNCHERS WITH AN AVAILABILITY DATE OF 24 MONTHS FROM A FUNDED MAP ORDER. FYI: WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO FUND THESE ITEMS. END FYI.

2. FYI: THE OPTIONS PUT FORWARD BY THE AIR DEFENSE ANALYSIS TEAM WHICH RECENTLY VISITED JORDAN ARE IN THE WHITE HOUSE FOR DECISION. END FYI.

3. YOU MAY TELL JORDANIANS THAT WE WILL HAVE AN ANSWER FOR THEM ON RELEASE OF COBRA ARMED HELICOPTER AT BILATERAL CONFERENCE LATER THIS MONTH.

4. LIKE YOU WE HAVE NO RECORD OF RECENT REQUEST BY JORDAN FOR CH-53 HEAVY LIFT AIRCRAFT. WHEN KING HUSSEIN REQUESTED DELETION OF UH-1H HELICOPTERS FROM JORDAN MAP ON 4 AUGUST 1973 RPT 1973 HE DID ALLUDE TO THE POSSIBILITY OF A QUOTE MORE VERSATILE ADVANCED HELICOPTER THAN THE UH-1H IN A FUTURE GA PROGRAM UNQUOTE. IT IS TRUE THAT THE FAMOUS OMNIBUS DOLS 1.4 BILLION LIST SUBMITTED ON 4 DECEMBER 1973 INCLUDED 18 CH-53S, BUT THESE (ALONG WITH MANY OTHER ITEMS) WERE DELETED FROM THE REVISED DOLS 261 MILLION LIST WHICH THE JORDANIANS ADOPTED LATER THAT MONTH AND USED AS A BASIS FOR SUBSEQUENT REQUESTS. ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS THE SUBJECT OF CH-53S HAS NOT SURFACED SINCE THEN. INGERSOLL

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